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REMARKS

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1. Prior to April 1951, the Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Rostock was located in the barracks installation at 1 Kopernikusstrasse and in the barracks installation at 1 Memelerstrasse. The installation on Kopernikusstrasse housed the headquarters, the 2d and 3d Kommandos, the 1st through 4th and the 7th Sonderabteilungen, the motor transport Abteilung, an officer training course, and the police band. The installation on Memelerstrasse housed the 1st and 4th Kommandos and the 5th and 6th Sonderabteilungen.
2. The VPD numbered about 1,700 police and was to be increased to 3,000 police. The additional personnel were to be quartered in the former Maschinengewehr Kaserne on Ullmenstrasse which, at the time of observation, still quartered a Soviet naval unit.
3. The VPD was organized into 3 infantry Kommandos; 1 artillery Kommando of 4 Abteilungen (batteries), each equipped with 4 guns; and 7 Sonderabteilungen of various branches of service.
4. The officers of the VPD included VP Kommandeur Kiedel, (fmu), commanding officer, an ex-army officer and wearer of the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Iron Cross; VP Kommandeur Prendel, (fmu), PK officer; VP Oberrat Reimann, (fmu), chief of staff; VP Kommandeur Dix, (fmu), personnel officer; VP Kommandeur Kirchner, (fmu), director of training; and VF Rat Weitke, (fmu), administrative officer.
5. The VPD was equipped with enough German infantry arms for all Kommandos. Recently, new carbines arrived for adjustment at the ranges. For training purposes, the unit had three Soviet 76.2-mm field guns, which were stored in shed No 7 on Memelerstrasse and were never permitted to be in the yard of the barracks installation. An undetermined number of tanks and caterpillar tractors were allegedly to be issued to the unit in the near future. Recently, the engineers of the unit were equipped with flame throwers, the fuel containers of which were to be carried on the back.
6. Tanks and other heavy weapons were allegedly stored in sheds on Kopernikusstrasse which were locked and strictly guarded.

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